

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 are pending herein. Claims 14-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Figs. 1 and 2 have been labeled --Prior Art--.

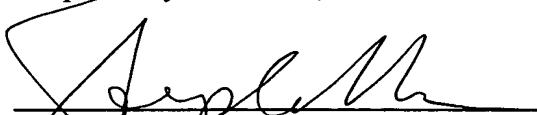
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-13 have been allowed in accordance with the practice under *ex parte* Quayle. Accordingly, Applicants have attended to the formal matters as requested by the Examiner and, therefore, respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants affirm the provisional election to prosecute claims 1-13. Claims 14-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended to include the legend --Prior Art--.

Attachment:

Replacement drawing sheets of Figs. 1 and 2